

Big Island Amateur Radio Club

BIARC

Bulletin

April 2007

President's Message

At our March meeting we had five new Technicians present (Three adults from Hawaiian Paradise Park (Karl Seeburch, James and Mary DeVincent) along with two young hams (Inoke Mills age 10 and his sister Tiara Mills age 14). We were extra pleased to have such a good attendance for the excellent program that Paul Okubo of Hawaii Volcano Park Observatory presented. He did a very interesting Power Point presentation showing us pictures of the damage done during our October 15th earthquake. We certainly were lucky that we did not have the damage that the other areas on the island had. We need to be better prepared if/when it happens again and Janet Mills will give us some advice at the April 14th meeting.

Please note that the Repeater List has now been updated, thanks to Ron AH6HN.

Harry KH6FKG and Sue WH6AG Nishiyama have just celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Harry and Sue.

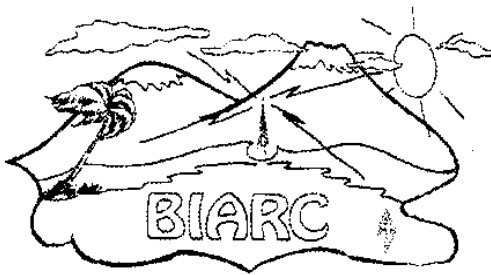
Harry Barnes KH6QM spent a couple days in the hospital recently. He was back in his spot at Friday's lunch which we were pleased about.

Congratulations to Rick Ward and the 19 new Technicians down in the South Point area. Also hear there are 2 new Techs in Waimea.

If you had your radios on this past weekend (March 24th and 25th) you may have heard a few local hams trying their best to make contacts in the SSB WPX World Wide Contest. The propagation, especially to the mainland was not the greatest, in fact this is the first time that I have not had a contact with my son David's group. This time he had a local scout troop operating with call sign NE1C.

Hope you all have a Happy Easter,

Barbara NH7FY



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Standing Committees

Service/Awards	Harry Nishiyama	KH6KG
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Newsletter Editor	Sean Stueber	NH7SA
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Special Committees

Christmas Party	Gloria Whiteley	Associate
Club Improvement	H. Nishiyama	KH6KG
Co-Chair	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Field Day	Robert Oliver	NH6AH
Hamfest	Bob Schneider	AH6J
Co-Chair	John Buck	KH7I
QSL Cards In/Out	Richard Darling	AH7G
Volcano Rim Run	Sean Stueber	NH7SA

MEETINGS & GET-TOGETHERS

Membership Meetings -

2nd Saturday of each month at 2PM at The Kea'au Community Center.

Board Meetings -

Will be held every other month 1 hour prior to the General Membership Meeting at the same location as the General Meeting (January, March, May, July, September and November)

Friday Lunches -

Every Friday at the Queens Court Restaurant in the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Meet in lobby between 11:00 - 11:15 a.m. Or we will see you inside in the far left corner.

East Hawaii Net -

The East Hawaii Net meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8AM, local time, on 146.76 mhz. Sign on and check us out.

**Take a look at our
newly updated
website at
www.biarc.net**

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, April 14th

Our regular monthly meeting will be held at the Keaau Community Center on April 14th at 2PM. Our program for the April meeting will be presented by Janet Mills NH7AK on disaster preparedness, especially on food storage etc.

For new members, the center is located behind the Keaau Police Station and new clinic.

April Birthdays

KH6AK	Masa Masuda	3rd
KA0FBB	Nadine Ebert	4th
AH6J	Bob Schneider	8th
AL7P	Clifford Cullings	10th
KH6FKG	Harry Nishiyama	17th
WH6AWH	David Shearer	22nd

Happy Birthday to all !!!

REPEATERS

Revised March 2007

145.29-	HOVE - KAU (141.3Hz) WH6FC
146.76-	Kulani KH6EJ
146.82-	Mauna Loa (ARES) KH6EJ
146.88-	Pepeekeo KH6EJ
146.92-	Kau PD KH6EJ
146.94-	Haleakala Maui (ARES) WH6KO
147.00+	Glenwood (141.3Hz) AH6GG
147.02+	Haleakala Maui (RACES) KH6H
147.04+	Mauna Loa (RACES) AH6JA
147.10+	Waiakea HS AH6GO
147.16+	Hualalai Kona KH6DEW
147.32+	Waimea Hospital (100 Hz) NH7HI
147.38+	Waimea East KH7T
146.68-	Keaau (portable) KH6EJ

NOTE: There are some privately owned repeater, some with IRLP. For further info contact Ron AH6HN.

BIARC Membership Meeting

Secretary's Minutes

March 10th, 2007

Meeting called to order at 2:00pm with 32 persons attending. Sign in sheet is attached to these minutes.

Introductions/ Announcements: The June 9th BIARC meeting will be at the Puna Congregational Christian Church.

Program: Paul Okubo of the USGS/ Hawaii Volcano Observatory gave a very interesting Power Point presentation about earthquakes in Hawaii, focusing on the event of October 15th, 2006.

Break at 3:00 till 3:23pm

Approval of minutes as printed in newsletter.

Treasurers Report: \$1,787.91 with 81 paid members.

Committee Reports: Repeaters: .92 machine off. Ron Phillips will send a letter to the police department asking permission to use their tower.

Plan to link Maui's 146.94 repeater with the big island. None of our machines are linked at present.

Old Business: Repeater list in the newsletter needs to be updated. Web site needs to be updated. Ham radio training manuals need to be bought and donated to Hawaii County Fire Department stations. Ken Cutting KH7ZJ has agreed to handle the stations on this side of the island.

Curt Knight AH6RE has agreed to assist with the web site.

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn: at 3:55pm.

Respectively submitted by Ken Cutting

March ARRL Pacific

Section Manager's Report

Always check the Pacific Section and Main ARRL web pages for more details on events. Recently several DXCC entities are in the news including Swains Island in the American Samoa group.

The big news for February was FCC's elimination of the Morse code requirement for all Ham Licenses. The result is an Avalanche of applications at ARRL. There were 450 test sessions from February 23 to March 1. They expect 800 in March and 600 in April. Normally there are only 70 sessions per month. The good news is ARRL is shifting its staff to accommodate the rush. The best guess for turn around time is 15 days.

Coming Events other than regular meetings:

April 2: Kauai Practice SET during siren testing. Tnx WH6KS.

April 14: March of Dimes walk. Kapiolani park 0730 Contact Wayne Jones, NH6K if you can help.

May 19: Kauai Visitor Industry Charity Walk. Tnx WH6KS

June 1: First official day of Hurricane Season.

June 2: Hurricane Preparedness Day – Kukui Grove Shopping Center on Kauai. Tnx WH6KS

June 23-24 Field Day weekend – Contact your local club for their details.

July 28: Volcano Marathon and Rim Run at Hawaii Volcano National Park. See BIARC webpage

September 22: Together We Prepare at the Kukui Grove Shopping Center, Kauai. Tnx WH6KS

October (TBA): 2007 Simulated Emergency TEST

October 13: Big Island International Ham fest in Waimea (Kamuela) – Tnx KH7T/AH6J

October 27: Kauai United Way Walk-a-Thon. Tnx WH6KS

December: Christmas party time. Contact your local club.

The PacSecARES HF Net meets Tuesday 1900W but will come up on 3.888 MHz because of propagation. Someone will monitor 7.080 MHz. A second alternate is 1.888 MHz

This is a reminder to all Field Organization Appointees that you must keep your ARRL membership active to keep your appointment. You also need to make a monthly report of your activities. You're SM and others read the various club web pages so please try to keep them up to date also. (It is difficult)

On March 24 there were two Magnitude 7+ earthquakes at almost the same time. One was in Japan and the other in the Vanuatu area. There were few reports and little damage reported however it is a less than gentle reminder that we in the Pacific are susceptible to this type disaster frequently. Do you have your emergency supplies packet up to date?

Last month's study about the delivery date of QST came up with an unexpected result. While all the data is still not compiled for March, it appears that delivery has a much

larger random factor than expected. Rather than comment, at this time, we will let the number speak for them self later. For those that are not aware QST is now printed in Pontiac, Michigan by RR Donnelly around the first part of the previous month. For example April was printed around March 7th. Andy Oppel, N6AJ0 (Vice Director) thinks the new publisher should improve things. Director Vallio said the publisher is supposed to be bulking QST with some other publications and he thinks that will also improve delivery time. Keep sending reports of QST arrival time.

The American Red Cross has a policy that all workers and volunteers must have a background check. There are a lot of mixed feelings about this especially when it was revealed a non-government contractor would be doing the job.

Daylight saving time is now in effect for most of the continental US except Arizona. California is now three hours ahead of us and the east coast is six hours ahead of us. For example 7AM HST is 1 PM EDST. If you need to talk to ARRL HQ on the phone, try and get it done by 9 AM our time and avoid 6AM to 7AM as that is their lunch time. Occasionally you may see our local HST referred to as W or whiskey time. All time zones have a one letter designator. For example GMT or UST aka Universal Standard Time is sometimes called Z or Zulu time.

KH6HU reports that the Kauai 147.16+ machine is down indefinitely. They are also having problems with their 147.04+ RACES machine. We wish them good luck. This does show the importance of having HF available. Sometimes the repeaters do go down. In the case of the Kauai repeaters, and a few others, one of the main problems is just getting to the repeater site. It is important to support your local group. Everyone can do something to help be it labor, expertise, transportation, finance or planning.

Bob Schneider AH6J, ARRL Pacific Section Manager

BIARC Members Photo Gallery



Lloyd KH6LC



Norm NH7CT

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Paul Okubo, Presenter at our March meeting



Solomon NH7ZE and Robert NH6AH

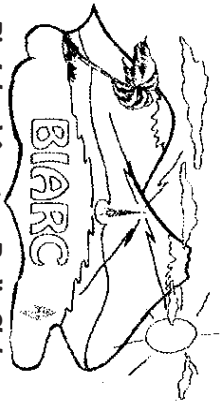
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Beau Mills NH7WV and children Ron AH6HN in back ground



Paul WH7BR and David WH6AWH



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